

**Whereas**, as the 2006-2007 school year draws to a close, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

**Whereas**, the Nixa R-II School District is losing a valuable member of its staff in May 2007 with the retirement of Bruce Barton who has devoted thirty-one years of his life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors a counselor and an educator; and

**Whereas**, Bruce Barton has served as an elementary school counselor for nine years at Nixa R-II, where he is held in high esteem as an individual who demonstrates considerable competence and remarkable degrees of compassion and understanding; and

**Whereas**, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, Bruce Barton taught in the Salem R-80 and Iron County C-4 school districts prior to assuming his responsibilities at Nixa R-II; and

**Whereas**, Bruce Barton has enjoyed recognition as a member of the Missouri School Counselors Association, the Community Teachers Association, the Lesterville High School Athletic Hall of Fame, and the Missouri Securities Investment Program Guidance Committee; and

**Whereas**, Bruce Barton earned a Bachelor's degree at Southeast Missouri State University and a Master's degree at the University of Mississippi; and

**Whereas**, Bruce Barton has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include his wife, Sue Barton; one son, Brock Barton; one daughter and her husband, Diamylen and Brant Schlyper; and one grandchild, Eden Alexis, with another one on the way:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join the Nixa R-II School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Bruce Barton has rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing him the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that he so justly deserves; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Bruce Barton, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Jay Wasson  
District No. 141

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 1503, adopted March 28, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker